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THE FOLLOWING REPEATS CAIRO 9458(ACTION SECSTATE
22 NOVEMBER 1974. QUOTE:

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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL EG US

SUBJECT: BOULDER VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA

1. ADMIRAL CARROLL ADVISES THAT MINE/ORDNANCE/SALVAGE OPERATION
SOULD FINISH O/A DECEMBER 10. THEREAFTER, USS BOULDER WILL DEPART
STATION. EGYPTIAN CNO ADMIRAL ZIKRY HAS MENTIONED TO ME SEVERAL
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TIMES HIS DESIRE THAT THE BOULDER, WHEN EXITING, MAKE A PORT CALL

AT ALEXANDRIA IN ORDER PERMIT EGYPTIANS SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION.

2. I HAVE POINTED OUT THAT OUR POLICY IS TO SEND A US NAVY VESSEL TO EGYPTIAN PORT ONLY IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC PRESIDENTIAL REQUESTS. ZIKRY RESPONDED THAT USS BOULDER IS WELCOME, BUT THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR GOE TO MAKE THE REQUEST. HE NOTED THAT BRIT VESSELS WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN MINE CLEARANCE HAD VISITED ALEXANDRIA WHEN DEPARTING AND HAD ASKED TO DO SO. IF USG SUBMITS REQUEST, HE ASSURED ME RESPONSE WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE. SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT IS SO PREOCCUPIED WITH MORE PRESSING MATTERS, ZIKRI CONTENTED, HE DOES NOT USUALLY THINK ABOUT USN'S VISITS. HE WAS SURE THE PRESIDENT WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY THE BOULDER TO ALEXANDRIA SINCE THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USN'S EFFORTS.

3. I BELIEVE THAT A PORT VISIT BY THE BOULDER TO ALEXANDRIA IS DESIRABLE. GIVEN ABOVE SITUATION, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASCERTAINING FROM THE SECRETARY WHETHER IN THE INSTANCE OF THE BOULDER, WE MIGHT INITIATE THE REQUEST FOR AN ALEXANDRIA STOP WHEN THE SHIP DEPARTS. THE BOULDER IS AFTER ALL A SPECIAL CASE.
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